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BEYOND THE BARS



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Francine Lucas-Sinclair, daughter of Frank Lucas (main character of the hit movie "American Gangster"), speaks at the "Beyond Bars: Children of Prisoners" presentation by the Beta Sigma Chi Sorority Tuesday night in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.

Emily Aldredge
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Francine Lucas grew up in a beautiful home in suburban New Jersey. Her dad worked

a lot of nights and made a lot of money. He never disciplined her and bought her expensive toys. But while she knew she was a very lucky little girl, her greatest joy every day was still

seeing her dad walk in the door and fix her breakfast.

It was 1975 when Francine's world was turned completely upside down. Her father, Frank Lucas, hadn't been working nights in a "legitimate" profession, as Francine thought. Frank, now known as the "American Gangster" after the 2007 film, was arrested for drug trafficking in front of 3-year-old Francine's eyes.

"Federal agents came into our home one January morning and that's when I learned the world isn't such a happy-go-lucky place," Francine said in her speech last night at the K-State Student Union.

But the hurt and depression of the arrest weren't over for young Francine. After her dad was released from prison early for his cooperation in ousting corrupt cops, he had trouble finding a job, as many former convicts do. But his old

friends wanted him back.

"He was like Michael Jordan," she said. "Everyone wanted him on their team because he knew the ins and outs of the game." Soon the pull of the "million dollars a day" that Frank Lucas had made at the height of his career was too much for him and Francine's mother to resist. They went back to the business together. Next time the police came, it was for her parents.

"So now, here I was, nine years old and had basically survived the worst trauma a child can go through," Francine said, referring to her father's first arrest, "and then I had an event three times as bad happen. Three times as bad because this time I knew what was going on and I had both parents instead of one. I lost my father again and now I lost my mother."

While her father was in



Lucas-Sinclair spoke about what it was like growing up with a father involved in drug trafficking. She discussed how she was affected by the arrests of both her parents and the life that followed.



Viewers to select best stand up

By Whitney Hodgins
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The best comedian in Manhattan could win \$1,000 in cash if he or she posts a three-minute video of their best schtick by 5 p.m. Friday on YouTube.com, according to a recent press release.

Voters will nominate finalists to compete on stage at Kathouse in Aggieville. The winner will become the first master of ceremonies of the Kathouse comedy nights and one grand richer, according to the release.

The contest, "The Last Laugh," is sponsored by K-ROCK 101.5-FM and Z96.3-FM, as well as Miller Light and Kathouse. Videos will be posted on both stations' Web sites.

To enter the contest, login to YouTube.com with the username "kathouselastlaugh," with the password "makemelaugh."

Applicants must be 18 years old to participate and should understand that all videos become property of the Manhattan Broadcasting Company, according to the press release.

For more information go to PureRock.com, Z963.com or call Manhattan Broadcasting at 785-776-1350.

Majors Fair offers answers for students

By Sarah Burford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's Majors Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

The fair will offer information on every major, secondary major, and minor available at K-State, and representatives from each college will be there, said Angela Perry, academic adviser for the College of Arts and Sciences. Perry said the fair usually attracts about 11,000 students.

"The majors fair is designed to be a one-stop shop for students making these tough decisions," Perry said.

She said students can learn which majors fit their interests and abilities, and decide whether to add secondary majors or minors.

"We have freshmen, sophomores, and even some juniors and seniors who are looking to enhance their resume by adding a secondary major or minor," Perry said. "And with today's economy, many students want to decide in a timely manner on the major that fits their interests and abilities. The majors fair can help them do that."

Prizes from local businesses and donations from K-State's colleges will be given out at the fair.

Study shows smoking is down among college students

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The consequences of smoking become more well known as educational efforts regarding the effects of smoking have increased over the years. This is just one of the many reasons why Bill Arck thinks smoking has decreased among college students.

A study released by the American Lung Association on Sept. 9 reported that smoking among college students is at 19.2 percent. This is the lowest percentage since 1980.

Arck, director of alcohol and other drug education services, has surveyed the smoking habits of K-State students since 1985. His observation has pointed him toward several causes in a smoking decline among students.

Cigarette price increase,

more smoking laws and regulations, more effective cessation efforts and heightened insurance sums are all reasons Arck gave for a decline in student smoking.

Brian Berry owns Kathouse, one of the first smoke-free establishments in Aggieville. Berry said he created a smoke-free atmosphere to benefit himself as well as customers and employees.

"My own personal view is that smoking is on a decline across the nation," Berry said. "I think it's becoming apparent to everyone the problems associated with smoking. I go home at night, and I don't smell like an ashtray, my eyes don't hurt from the smoke. The benefits from it are great. I even hear from smokers that they enjoy coming here."

Berry said he watched many of his friends quit smoking, as well as friends

of his two younger brothers. Watching these trends is what Berry said gave him the idea that smoking was on the decline.

Arck's surveys of campus also have shown a declining trend in student smoking.

After peaking at 29 percent in 2001, a 2005 student survey showed the amount had dropped to 15 percent.

The goal of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to have student smoking down to 12 percent by 2010. Based on his findings, Arck said he thinks this goal is attainable.

With the recent smoking ban debate in Manhattan, many college students formed online groups to voice their opinions.

Mark Miller, senior in mechanical engineering, formed the group "Anti-Smoke-Free Manhattan."

Though Miller does not smoke, he said he is against the ban because it impedes on individual rights.

"Primarily, I support deregulation and the Bill of Rights," Miller said. "I think that anti-smoking campaigns have had an influence. I think it's a less so-

cially acceptable thing than in the past."



Check out www.kstatecollegian.com for our smoking habits poll.

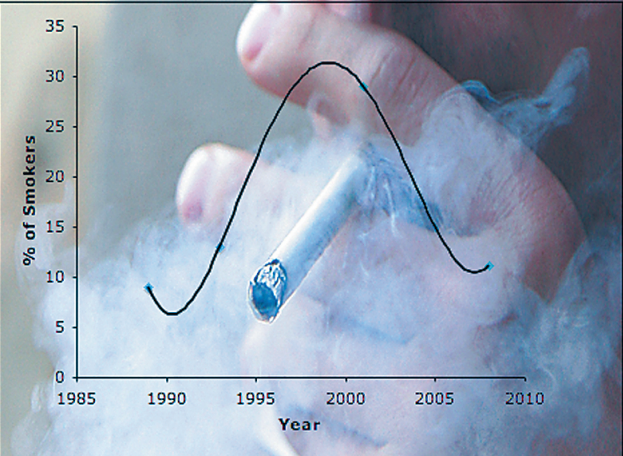


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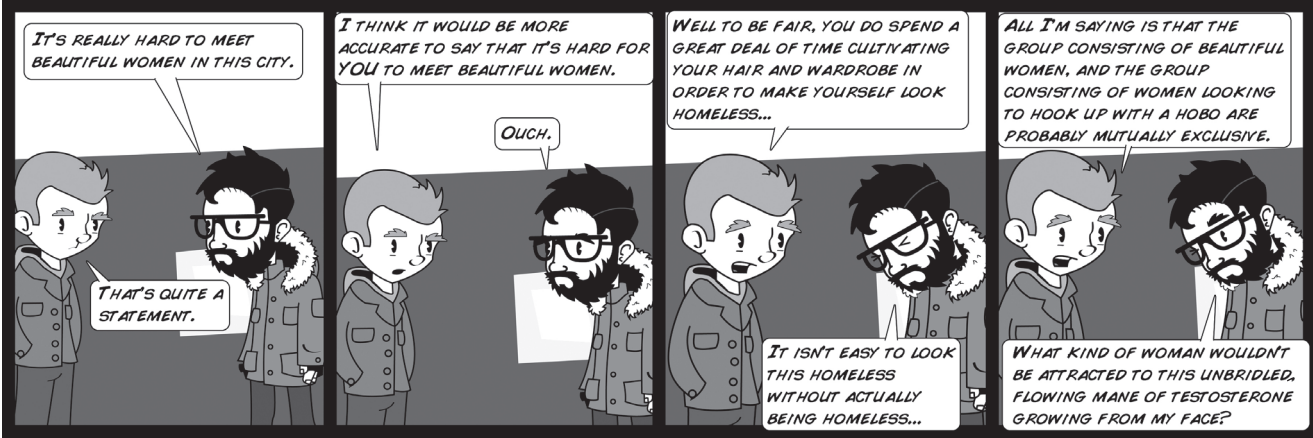
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BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

SUNDAY

Joseph Obre Williams II, Junction City, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.
Joshua Paul Williams, 1326 Yuma St., was arrested at 1:15 a.m. for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.
William Nathan Church, Mardela Springs, Md., was

arrested at 9:28 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Nicholas Scott Russell, Kansas City, Kan., was arrested at 5:10 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

MONDAY

Narobie Andrew Shelton, 2411 Woodway Drive, Apt. J, was arrested at 12:43 a.m. for battery, criminal restraint, criminal damage to property and witness or victim intimidation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

TUESDAY

Tyna Lynn Fajen, 300 N. Fifth St., was arrested at 12:30 a.m. for disturbing the peace. Bond was set at \$825.

PLANNER | CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Career and Employment Services will sponsor Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.k-state.edu/ces.

The Academic Majors Fair will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom.

The Pre-Vet Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Frick Auditorium in Mosier Hall.

Intramural entries for volleyball, inner tube water polo and individual singles sports are being accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Meet "The Nonprofit Career Guide" author Shelly Cryer and other nonprofit leaders from Kansas City and Wichita from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Hale Library Hemisphere Room. E-mail amhum@ksu.edu for more information.

Rec Services is sponsoring a High Rope Challenge event at the K-State Challenge Course from 4 p.m. until dusk Thursday. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex by 6 p.m. Tuesday. The fee is \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty/staff. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go online to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are sched-

uled for Oct. 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.

For a list of homecoming activities Oct. 19-25, go to www.k-state.edu/homecoming. These activities include a 5K race to benefit the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald City Pavilion, Sidewalk Chalking Contest, Crazy Cat Kickoff, Paint the Chant, Paint the Ville Contest, Wildcat Request Live, K-State Ambassador Elections, Yard Art displays, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Pep Rally, and Homecoming Tailgate Competition.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale after Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payment must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

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There were errors in Tuesday's Collegian. There are 402 Chinese students at K-State this semester. Also, early voting in Kansas begins on Oct. 21. The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail collegian@spub.ksu.edu.

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Local authors to read at MAC

By Whitney Hodgin
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Four local authors will read selections of their writing from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight in the Writer's Studio inside the Manhattan Arts Center. The Writer's Studio (a group formerly known as the Red Inklings) will provide hors d'oeuvres and beverages for guests as well as a chance to meet with the authors before the readings in the main gallery said Tess Purvis, a reporter for the Westmoreland Recorder and director of Konza Kids at Westmoreland.

Micah Weltsch, graphic storyteller and graduate student in East Asian studies, will facilitate a question-and-answer session for people interested in graphic novels and web comics.

Victoria L'Ecuier designed the programs for the event and will read a short story titled "By Hook or by Crook," that was published in the Grantville Gazette.

Purvis will share four columns she published in the Westmoreland Recorder.

The readings are free to the public and any donations will directly benefit the Manhattan Arts Center.

Aggieville, downtown business districts renewed at City Commission meeting

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

City Commissioners voted 5-0-0 on all items on the general agenda Tuesday night at City Hall. The Aggieville and Downtown Business Improvement Districts were renewed for 2009. The districts have existed since 1981 when they were created, according to state law.

Community Development Director Karen Davis said the districts exist as self-funding mechanisms.

As members of their districts, businesses pay fees levied by the city. The city then redistributes the funds to the districts, where the money is allocated to various projects benefiting the district like promotional

events. The districts were renewed without an increase in fees for businesses.

However, the Downtown Business Improvement District was expanded to include Walgreens, Best Buy and other new businesses coming to the north redevelopment project area.

Transportation Development Districts create areas where public funding can be allocated to complete transportation projects. The TDD encompassing the north redevelopment project area was created in 2006 and expanded in Jan. 2007. On Tuesday, commissioners heard the first reading of an ordinance to further expand the TDD to include improvements to the streets surrounding the project area and a round-

about at the intersection of Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue.

Commissioners also heard the first reading of an ordinance rezoning Penny's Concrete from a heavy commercial district to an industrial planned unit development district to allow the business to expand.

President of Penny's Concrete David Hoover presented the new building projects. He elaborated on the company's obedience to truck-weight laws and consideration for the environment. He said the expansion would allow Penny's Concrete to create jobs in Manhattan. Despite a KU loyalty shared by many employees, Hoover said he resolved to fly a K-State flag outside the facility.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Karen McCulloh of the Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition speaks to those present at the City Commission meeting.

Carlin, Project ABC director speak at Student Senate meeting

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan and Georgette Miller, director of Project ABC, spoke at the Student Governing Association meeting Tuesday night.

Carlin discussed her future policy plans if re-elected.

"[Kansas] needs to work on a new transportation plan because ours expires in 2009," she said. "A lot of bridges in Kansas need repaired."

Carlin answered questions concerning the National Bio and Agro-

Defense Facility. She said the legislature has done a lot to support the project during this year.

They have passed bonds authorizing the building of the facility, passed legislation to make the ground available, and passed a bill allowing improvements to the airport to support the possible increase in air traffic due to NBAF moving to Manhattan.

Carlin said many people have asked if NBAF will be moved to Texas instead.

"Texas is trying to get around the rules, but it's not going to hap-

pen," she said.

Following Carlin, Miller explained Project ABC. Miller said before the program was instituted the residents in residence halls had a 40 – 50 percent rate of college students drinking alcohol and abusing drugs. Unlike the judicial branch of government, the program takes an educational approach to students' alcohol or drug problems.

"When we focus on health behaviors, the drinking goes down," Miller said.

Miller listed behaviors ranging from swearing to eating fruits and

vegetables. Exercise was also mentioned and one participant chose to quit chewing tobacco.

During the first and second years of the program, it included only residents in student dorms. Today the program has expanded to include Jardine and Student Senate referrals.

"I have 35 students on my case load and I expect that to double by the end of the semester," Miller said.

Following the speakers, the senate passed a resolution in support of USD 383 bond election and \$150 allocation to the Philosophy Club.

Provost lecture focuses on costs, affordability of higher education

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The affordability of higher education institutions was the topic of the first presentation in the K-State Provost Lecture Series this year.

David Shulenburg, vice president for academic affairs for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, gave the presentation Tuesday afternoon in Fiedler Hall Auditorium.

"We don't want higher education to become a privilege of the rich in this country," Shulenburg said after the lecture. "It's not now, and we

want to make sure it will never become one."

Shulenburg presented material from the Integrated Post Secondary Educational Data System showing a variety of undergraduate tuition options for public universities available at all levels, from \$0 to \$11,418.

"Some place in higher education is available for some student," he said.

Tuition increases have attracted undesired political attention, according to the PowerPoint presentation.

Most institutions, public and private, averaged an almost 6-percent growth in tuition, according to the Compound Annual Growth Rate of Tuition from 1996-2006.

"Very high public research institutions" is a classification measuring institutional attributes recorded by the Carn-

egie Foundation for Teaching. These institutions recorded the largest tuition increase at 6.61 percent.

Assistant Provost Al Cochran said K-State has made sure tuition remains affordable.

"Historically, the cost that we incur is very much under control," Cochran said. "Higher education is doing a good job in that regard. It's a message we need to get out more."

The PowerPoint noted Kansas is like the nation in real, per-student, higher-education revenues.

In 2007, total revenue amounted to \$10,023 and \$5,948 was appropriated to students for a net tuition of \$4,076.

A variety of options to keep university educations affordable were also part of the presentation.

Ideas included focusing attention

on tuition as an investment rather than as consumer purchases and reducing the average time to receive a degree to four years.

Shulenburg said certain states charge students extra costs on their tuition for staying in school after their fourth year.

"When people are reading headlines they need to remember that institutions of higher education are doing a very commendable job of keeping costs under control per students," Cochran said. "That's not something that's widely known by people on the streets."

According to K-State's Web site, the Provost's Lecture Series was established in 1995 and features nationally known speakers and on-campus experts addressing topics of importance in higher education in general and at K-State.

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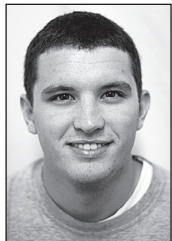
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Associates matter in politics



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We are all judged by the people we associate with.

If, while you are trying to impress the cute co-ed down the hall, your roommate greets you with a slew of obscenities, your odds with the girl will probably go down. It might not always be fair, but it is the reality of how our world works.

Barack Obama should not be surprised then when John McCain and Sarah Palin bring up associations from the Democratic nominee's past. And perhaps unlike your embarrassing roommate, these connections are very pertinent to today's world.

During the 1960s and '70s, at the height of the anti-Vietnam War movement, Bill Ayers was a founding member of the radical group known as the Weather Underground.

Over a period of several years, Ayers and his fellow conspirators conducted various acts of domestic terrorism, the most notable of which were the bombings of the U.S. Capitol and the Pentagon.

In the years following, Ayers has been unrepentant about his actions, telling the New York Times that he had "no regrets" and that he felt their actions "didn't do enough."

Fast forward to 1995. Ayers held a reception at his home for a little-known politician, Barack Obama. Later, Ayers and Obama would serve together on boards for two nonprofit organizations.

Obama, of course, has denounced his backer's actions, pointing out, correctly, that he was 8 years old when the terrorist acts were taking place. But he certainly knew of Ayers' past when he worked with him as an adult.

Obama's supporters have been outraged at what they see as unfair "guilt by association" attacks. Some even think Ayers is a nice guy. New York Times columnist Gail Collins and others have noted that Ayers was named Chicago's Citizen of the Year in 1997.

Hitler was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Awards don't reveal a per-

son's character — their actions do.

But the implication here is not that Obama is a terrorist — nobody seriously believes that. But what is an issue is that Obama knowingly and willingly associated himself with a man he knew to be a former terrorist. Shouldn't that raise questions about his character and judgment?

Ayers isn't the only radical Obama has chosen to associate with. Jeremiah Wright, his pastor and friend for more than 20 years, has stated that the United States deserved the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Again, the point here is not to suggest that Obama is a fraud or rejoiced on Sept. 11, 2001. But the scripted speeches during Obama's brief national political career

give us little information about what kind of man he is outside of politics.

Would you be a guest in the house of a former terrorist who said he regretted not doing more?

Would you attend a church in which "God damn America" was preached from the pulpit? Would you continue to do business with a man who had been indicted on federal charges?

No, you and I would do none of these things. But Barack Obama has. What more insight into his character could you want?

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TO THE POINT

Smoke-free lifestyle getting popular

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

No matter how people feel about the smoking ban issue the Student Governing Association and Manhattan City Commission are discussing, most will not deny the poor health effects caused by smoking. It is encouraging to find smoking is down among college students both nationally and at K-State.

There is no doubt this is partly due to the current strive our generation is making to "go green" and become more healthy — as well as higher prices and taxes for cigarettes and insurance premiums — but someone at K-State has been watching this situation closely for nearly 25 years.

Bill Arck, director of alcohol and other drug education services, has surveyed the smoking habits of K-State students since 1985. In 1989, Arck discovered that 9 percent of students smoked, and this number continued to rise until his 2005 survey found that 15 percent of students were smokers.

However, Arck discovered this semester that smoking is down to 11.2 percent, which is 8 percentage points lower than the national number of smokers released by the American Lung Association last month.

We commend activists and organizations whose goals are to help students live healthier lives. Their enthusiasm to do research and encourage others to make lifestyle changes is affecting many positively.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a goal to have student smoking down to 12 percent by 2010. Having a specific goal makes the hope of meeting it more of a reality. We applaud Health and Human Services' goal — and K-State for reaching it by 2008.

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Desire for success should not go against faith



Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

While speaking to the bishops who had gathered at the Vatican recently, Pope Benedict stated that people who seek "success, career or money are building on sand," according to an article on bbcworld-news.com.

The head of the Roman Catholic Church went on to say the recent downfall of the economy shows wealth means nothing and people should instead live their lives based on the word of God.

We so often hear how wrong it is to focus on material objects. Even the apostle Paul said, "the love of money is a root of all evil."

Instead of focusing on wealth, we should be focusing on God.

As great as that sounds, faith doesn't pay the bills, faith doesn't put food on the table and faith won't let

me sit on my butt all day doing nothing and still be successful in life.

So why do I have to choose between one and the other? Well, apparently, because the Bible tells me to.

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money," according to Luke 16:13.

While I would not consider myself a deeply religious person, I believe in God and I have morals.

I work hard for what I earn, and I don't believe that because I do work hard to pay my bills and live an enjoyable life, that I hate God.

In such an expensive world, it's no wonder we focus so much on earning money and supporting our family. In fact, if we weren't concerned with doing so, we would be ridiculed.

Yes, I do like to live in a nice place, drive a

nice car and wear nice clothes, which would make me someone who apparently, according to the Pope, loves money more than God.

If I truly loved God, I wouldn't care about nice things or my outward appearance. If I truly loved God, I wouldn't be trying to live the American dream.

If that were so, then why do they send around collection plates at the end of church services? Why are we expected to give 10 percent of our yearly income to keep the church in good condition so that it is viewed well by the community? After all, outward appearances aren't supposed to matter.

For a topic that seems so black and white, there sure is a lot of gray area that can be considered.

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After a long visit at the library, my sex muscles hurt.

Next time Fred Phelps' posse is in town, I'm sending out the hounds.

My roommate peed all over my dorm last night. What do I do?

I already know that I am so over you in my life right now, Colten.

A&M beat Army by four, and lost to Arkansas State at home. Ron shouldn't be

too cocky.

Does anyone remember when you could watch K-State football without getting sick to your stomach?

Come back, Bill. Please?

Have you heard of the campus rave this weekend?

Dear Ron Prince, congratulations on leading us to another victory at A&M. We are all pleased that the defense improved and only gave up 240 more yards than Arkansas State against the Aggies.

Dan the legendary ice-cream-cone-maker.

Dan plus ice cream equals flat-out amazing.

This is Dan. I have a brain freeze.

Please vote for Josh Freeman for Heisman.

Go State.

To the two grown men sharing an umbrella on campus: how manly.

Happy birthday Hayley Martin.

Just because we had a long, good night of shacking doesn't mean you have the right to wake me up to chat 'til 2.

My English teacher just told me that what girls wear doesn't change what guys think about them. Wow.

You're definitely not homophobic, because that's the gayest story I've ever heard in my life.

Why do people seem to have the need to walk in front of me when I'm driving on campus? Were you dropped on your head when you were little or something?

I just wanted to say, I swear to God I'm an

atheist.

I'm a classy guy looking for a classy lady. Call me.

Ho hum, hum drum, I have cake, yum.

The spork leaks in the rain. If that's not poetic, I don't know what is.

Has any of my work been published? Heck yes, twice in the Fourum.

I'd rather jack off with sandpaper than finish this electronics assignment.

I'd like a small Meatlover's pizza. I guess I'll take some breadsticks too.

Does anyone know this "Cootie Stain" guy? He keeps adding people on Facebook.

Since SafeRide never picked me up when they said they would, I got tired of waiting, then drove halfway home and got a DUI. Thanks.

ALUMNI UPDATE

KSU alum overcomes obstacles, takes on Hollywood with career

By Russell Buchanan
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Learning is not always easy when you have dyslexia, but humor and determination helped Susan Dale get through her struggles with the learning disability.

Dale, who graduated from K-State in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in dance, said she struggled in school growing up because of her dyslexia, which is a neurological difference in the way the brain processes reading and spelling. Dale said one of her high-school teachers even told her that there was no way she would survive in college. But Dale decided she wanted to go to college and be successful, so she sought help.

When she started at K-State, she enrolled in the dyslexia programs offered through Disability Support Services. She was the first woman to do ever so, and she not only survived, but thrived in college. Now, Dale stars in her own online comedy show and continues to enjoy her life as a successful college graduate.

Dale said she attributes K-State with showing her that she can contribute to the world, even with a disability. However, even though she had done so much by the time she was finished with school, Dale said she felt there was still one mountain left to climb – and that was to make it in the show business.

Dale and her two friends, Michelle VanDusen and Sonja Jones, got together and decided to create an online show that was humorous and served a purpose. So, “The Fun-Duh-Mental Show” was born and the first episode aired on Oct. 5.

Jones, also the show's assistant producer, described the show as a mixture of “The View,” “Saturday Night Live,” and “a bunch of craziness.”



COURTESY PHOTO
Susan Dale, 1988 K-State graduate in dance, stars in an online comedy show called “The Fun-Duh-Mental Show” on Sundays. Dale's show features impromptu dance sessions, band appearances and hilarious skits.

“It's basically four women who bring up issues that people don't really think about,” Jones said.

The first few moments of the opening episode featured the women dancing to the show's theme song around a table. Then, the screen was lined with paper-plate edges and declared that it was time for “POW” which stands for “Pissed-Off Women.” In every episode during this segment, the women introduce the theme of that show by discussing a problem they are having: the premiere focused on the issue of hunger.

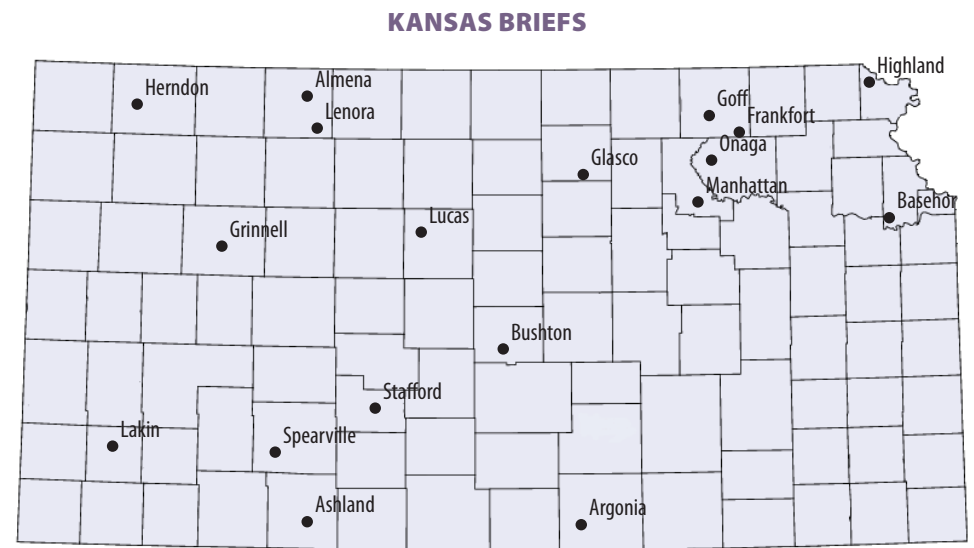
After the “POW” segment, the band Project Huckleberry performed an original funk song dedicated to iceberg lettuce.

The next segment in the show featured the women cooking. They gave instructions on how to make a cheese sandwich, presented a sketch detailing

the creation of applesauce and performed a workout segment in which they substituted cans of food for dumbbells. Project Huckleberry concluded the show with another song on the joys of food.

The show's atmosphere is rowdy, raucous and fun, while staying topical, Jones said. The women enjoy filming the episodes, and Dale is perfectly confident in her role as leader of the ensemble, she said. Jones said despite some technical problems production of the show has been going well and the episodes are flowing together.

However, as creative as the women are, Dale said they still would like some help and that they hope to generate international interaction. She said that any student who has an idea should contribute to the show by e-mailing her at susan@comedyforfreedom.com.



STATE LEGISLATORS GRADED ON EDUCATION

The Kansas Citizens for Higher Education released a report card grading Kansas senators and House members, according to a recent press release.

Forty members were placed on the Honor Roll by receiving an A or B. Grades were based on how senators voted on 23 “critical issues,” according to the press release, including deferred maintenance, annual budgets, funding for grants, scholarships, faculty salaries and other matters.

TomHawk, D-Manhattan, received a 100 percent; Roger Reitz, R-Manhattan, received an 87 percent; Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, received an 84 percent.

For more information on the report card or to see the grades for all Kansas senators and House members, go to www.kansashighereducation.org.

A.G. ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO CURB TOBACCO SALES

Kansas Attorney General Steve Six announced he has joined with other attorneys general and Shell Oil Products to decrease cigarettes sales to minors, according to a recent press release.

Shell has agreed to implement procedures intended to reduce the sale of cigarettes to minors at its gas stations.

According to the release, 47 percent of underage youths who reported buying cigarettes said they have purchased them at gas station convenience stores.

The release also states that “most adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18 and that young people are particularly susceptible to the hazards of tobacco, often showing signs of addiction after smoking only a few cigarettes.”

LT. GOV. PARKINSON URGES INPUT ON ENERGY POLICY

The Kansas Energy Council approved a set of preliminary policy recommendations

recently that will be presented to the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Legislature and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, according to a recent press release.

Before it is delivered, however, the Energy Council asked for input from Kansans so the final product can represent a “common vision for a comprehensive energy plan,” according to the release.

Legislators sponsored a public hearing Sept. 30 at Wichita State University for Kansas residents to share their thoughts on the recommendations.

Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson attended the meeting with members of his staff and Kansas Energy Council members.

“I hope that Kansans will join us to share their thoughts and concerns as we move together towards a clean energy future,” Parkinson wrote in a column about the issue.

KANSAS HONORS 25 CITIES FOR DEVELOPEMENT

Twenty-five Kansas cities and towns received state awards based on their completion of “community development and civic improvements within the past year,” according to a recent press release.

The Kansas PRIDE Program, which is a community-development effort run by volunteers and coadministered by the Kansas Department of Commerce and K-State Research and Extension, has awarded these honors Saturday to communities that vary greatly in population size.

The PRIDE awards ceremony was part of a conference on PRIDE Day in Wichita, according to a release.

Recipients receive “commemorative achievement and cash awards to help fund future improvements,” according to the release.

Some of the communities that earned awards are Almena, Argonia, Ashland, Basehor, Bushton, Frankfort, Glasco, Goff, Grinnell, Herndon, Highland, Lakin, Lenora, Lucas, Onaga, Spearville, and Stafford.

More information is available at www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu.

—Compiled by Sydney Eagleton

COMEDIC ALUMNA

■ Tune in from 7:30-8 p.m. every Sunday to watch “The Fun-Duh-Mental Show,” featuring Susan Dale and her friends as they share their thoughts on life through comedy skits. You can find the show by visiting www.rtproductions.biz.

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New team, same results

Wildcat setter trying to improve on solid junior college career

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In just two years at Western Nebraska Community College, Soriana Pacheco enjoyed a storied and successful career as one of the most decorated players in school history.

After coming up short in the 2006 NJCAA title game as a freshman, Pacheco caught fire in her sophomore campaign. She led the Cougars to a national championship and was named the NJCAA Player of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

“[Winning the award] felt really good,” Pacheco said. “I went to nationals, and after that, my coach told me I won the award and I had to go to California. I couldn’t go there because I was going to my home in Venezuela. I got it first thing when I got to America, so that was really nice.”

Following the banner year, the setter entertained offers from several Division-I programs before visiting K-State, but she never received interest from in-state powerhouse Nebraska.

“I went to New York to see Syracuse University, and I went to Florida, FIU and Florida Atlantic,” she said. “I also heard from the University of California and I got [an offer] from Colorado.”

Pacheco said the coaching staff at K-State played a big role in her decision to continue her collegiate career in Manhattan.

“I came here last summer and I really liked the coaches and everything,” she said. “That’s when I made my decision.”

Head coach Suzie Fritz said it was Pacheco’s history of success rather than her individual accomplishments that drove the Wildcats to recruit her. She also said the fact that K-State had worked with WNCC and head coach Christopher Green in the past might have given the Wildcats a slight recruiting edge.

“I think part of what drew us to her is her instincts,” Fritz said. “She’s got very good volleyball instincts. I never put a lot of stock into individual awards, but she was able to lead her team to win a national championship, which I think is probably more of a selling factor about her abilities.”

Fritz said that Agata Rezende, who was also from WNCC, played for K-State. Fritz also said that Rezende had a really positive experience here, which was helpful in recruiting Pacheco.

Rezende attended WNCC from 2002-2003. She graduated from K-State following the 2005 season.

Pacheco appears to be making a smooth transition from junior college. She has seen action in 18 matches this season, including five starts. She has a .326 hitting percentage and is averaging 7.92 per game.

Redshirt-freshman and fellow setter Abby Fay said that Pacheco is a lot of fun, always in a happy mood and smiling and listening to her iPod with Spanish music. Fay said Pacheco’s style of play matches her personality off the court.

“She plays really relaxed and keeps her composure really well,” Fay said. “She does a great job.”

Fritz agreed, saying Pacheco rarely shows any emotion on or off the court.

“She keeps to herself and she’s pretty quiet,” she said. “You know, I think she’s pretty mature. Her academics are very important to her.

“She’s very even-keel. You don’t get a lot of emotion from her. The highs aren’t very high and the lows aren’t very low. She’s pretty easygoing.”

While her numbers indicate that she had little difficulty



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Setter **Soriana Pacheco** serves the ball during the game against Baylor last month. K-State won the match three sets to one.

moving up to a major program, Pacheco said she struggled with the transition – especially early in the season – but she’s continuing to improve so she can contribute to the program for the remainder of her tenure.

“The beginning was really hard because junior college isn’t on the same level as the Big 12,” she said. “Here, the teams are pretty tough and everyone is good. I struggled, but I’m working on it right now. I’m having fun. I just want to keep getting better so I can help my team.”

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Lauren **Mathewson**, Libero for the K-State Volleyball team, gets up during the game against Northern Iowa. K-State swept the match winning three sets to none.

Season still could turn around



JON
GARTEN

Sure, the K-State defense hasn’t quite gotten things turned around. The Wildcats gave up more than 500 yards of total offense and 30 points to an awful Texas A&M team.

They realize there is plenty of room for improvement. If the Wildcats want to make a bowl game this season, they’ll need to do a lot better than they did Saturday against the Aggies.

But it was not all bad.

In the first quarter, Josh Freeman fumbled and the defense responded by holding the Aggies to a three-and-out. K-State then blocked the A&M punt and scored a touchdown.

In the fourth quarter with K-State up 30-16, the Aggies had the ball on the Wildcats’ two-yard line on third down. Texas A&M brought in Jorvorskie Lane, the 270-pound battering ram who specializes in short-yardage situations.

Instead of allowing the big bruiser to score, the defense stopped Lane twice. The offense took over on downs and drove 98 yards for a touchdown in 16 plays to ice the game.

“We’ve got a lot of young guys who haven’t played in that environment,” linebacker Reggie Walker said. “So anytime we can get any type of momentum, it helps us.”

Confidence is important for any team. The Wildcats didn’t have a perfect afternoon by any stretch of the imagination, but it was a start.

It’s not like they weren’t trying to make big plays before Saturday. They were.

The reality is that this defense is still not very good. Even with improvements, they will not dominate any Big 12 Conference team even on a good day.

But they can get better.

“I just think it helps because the coaches can give us good examples of what we’re supposed to do,” Walker said. “It just really helps us with our psyche, knowing that we can get big stops and we can make big plays.”

The Wildcats offense can score points. K-State’s special teams units are some of the best in the Big 12.

The defense doesn’t have to dominate anyone – they just have to make plays every once in a while.

It’s hard to make plays when your confidence is drained.

Before the A&M game, the defense’s shortcomings were beginning to snowball in the negative direction.

It’s hard to go to practice when the coaches have nothing good to point out. It’s hard to improve when you’re surrounded by negativity.

I don’t know if this defense can turn it around, but with a performance like it had Saturday, there’s a chance that they can.

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TENNIS

Women’s team will split in final action of fall season

Staff Report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women’s tennis team will rely on the strategy of dividing and conquering this week as the squad is split into two groups to travel to different tournaments.

The first group consists of sophomore Antea Huljev and senior Katerina Kudlackova. They will represent K-State at the ITA Central Region Championships in Salt Lake City.

The two women enter the championship at different ends of the victory spectrum. Huljev has a singles record of 7-3 and has won five of her last seven matches. Meanwhile, Kudlackova is on a five-match losing skid.

Play begins Wednesday morning at the Eccles Tennis Center and will continue until Sunday. The singles and doubles winners along with the singles finalist will advance to the ITA National

Indoor Championships next month.

The remaining members of the tennis team will travel to Albuquerque, N.M.

Junior Natasha Vieira, sophomore Vanessa Cottin and freshmen Petra Chudra, Mariya Slupska and Andrea Straznicka will participate in the New Mexico Invite.

The women are a combined 19-23 this season, which includes a 13-15 mark posted by the three freshmen.

They will see competition from New Mexico, Missouri, Iowa State, Air Force, Western New Mexico and the University of Texas-El Paso. The New Mexico Invite will take place Thursday and conclude Sunday.

This weekend’s tournaments will be the last action for the Wildcats for the fall season. They will return to the courts on Jan. 16-18, 2009 at the Bulldog Invitational in Athens, Ga.



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K-State grad, music extraordinaire donates records to K-State

By Deborah Muhwezi
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Music extraordinaire and K-State alumni, Jerry Wexler, died Aug. 15, 2008, but made sure to leave behind something special for his alma mater. “He’s a K-State grad and he was willing to donate his albums,” said Tony Crawford, university archivist.

Wexler honored K-State by donating a collection of 2,000 recordings, according to a press release from K-State libraries.

The collection contains albums he received from Atlantic Records as well as some from his own personal collection. “We didn’t want those out and circulating and [neither] did he,” Crawford said. “That’s why they came to special collections.”

The K-State Department of Music and the K-State libraries collaborated with the collection of Wexler’s recordings.

The collection is available for use in the Morse Department of Special Collections where titles can be found by a keyword search in the online catalog, Crawford explained in the press release.

“If someone wanted to listen to their music, then they can get the full impact by coming up and asking to hear the record,” he said. “We’re glad to have that associate in our collection – a K-State grad and a notable person in the music field.”

Wexler first came to K-State in 1935 from New York, but dropped out soon after. He got “caught up” in the Kansas City jazz scene, Crawford explained.

After joining the military and serving in World War II, Wexler was re-admitted to K-State, where he focused and graduated with a degree in journalism in 1946, Crawford said.

Crawford stated in a press release that after receiving his degree, Wexler went on to become a writer for Billboard

magazine where he reviewed records. It was during that time that Wexler coined the term “rhythm and blues” after others had attempted to invent a term for “race music.”

In 1953, Wexler joined Atlantic Records and became a partner for the company.

For the next 20 years, he would influence the careers of notable artists including Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett and The Drifters, among many others, Crawford said.

“Wexler was such an influential person in the history of music and rock and roll,” he said. “People who know that kind of music certainly recognize his name.”

Brandon Bayless, senior in business management, said the recordings will be useful beyond recreational purposes.

“If I knew where the recordings are, I think they would be good not only for my personal use but also for my projects,” he said.

Bayless, who is president of his music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America Inc., said he knows several professors who are trying to build the music library here at K-State and Wexler’s donation will help contribute to these efforts.

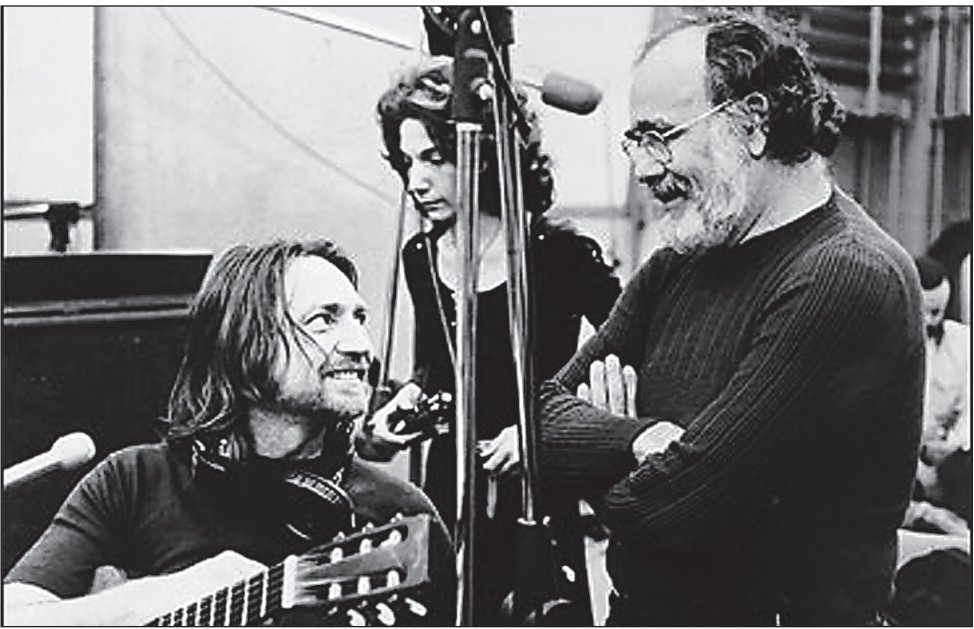
“That’s a great legacy for him to leave – to have K-State in mind,” he said.

Gary Mortenson, head of the Music Department, said it’s remarkable that Wexler would honor K-State in this manner.

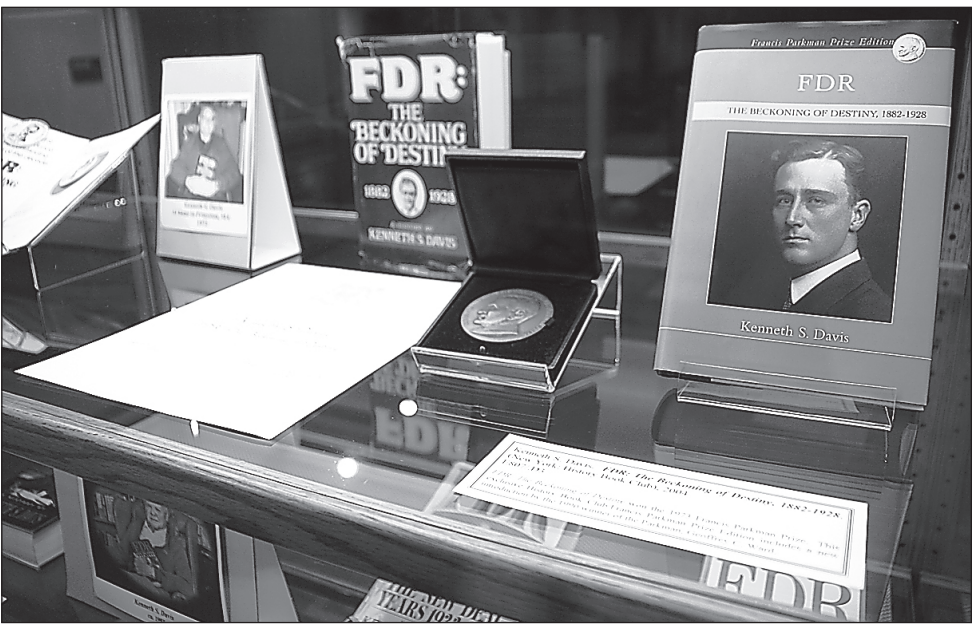
“He was an icon of the 20th century, there’s no doubt about that,” he said.

Mortenson, who also teaches trumpet and conducts the trumpet and brass ensembles, said he’s sure many people in the music industry were not aware Wexler had attended K-State and said he is impressed that Wexler gave back to those who helped him along the way.

“It’s the fact that he’s paying tribute to the influences that he got here, and that’s great,” Mortenson said.



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Jerry Wexler, a K-State graduate, donated a collection of 2,000 recordings, which will be available in the K-State libraries. Wexler was influential in the music industry and was a partner for Atlantic Records.

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UPC brings dancers, food to lunch hour to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Day



Twirling elegantly around in the K-State Student Union Courtyard, traditional dancers spin their dresses to and fro to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Day. The dancers performed from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, and the event was organized by the Union Program Council's multi-cultural committee.

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The dancers swish their brightly colored skirts as they sway and spin to the festive music. The man on stage belts out Spanish tunes as he strums his guitar. Suddenly, he quits performing, and the dancers immediately come to a standstill; the background music has stopped.

Derek Mason, K-State Student Union building manager, said the speaker went out, but he and his technicians quickly fixed the problem, so the dancing soon resumed and onlookers went back to their eating and conversation.

The dancing was part of the Union Program Council multi-cultural committee's Hispanic Heritage Day and entertained people in the Union from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the Union Courtyard.

In addition to dancing, the event featured live music and traditional Hispanic food; about 100 people attended the event.

Jenny Barnes, member of the multi-cultural committee, said the committee organized the event because October is Hispanic Heritage Month and the committee members wanted to highlight the atmosphere and features of Hispanic culture.

Nick Attwater, sophomore in creative writing, said his favorite part of the event was a young girl who danced and twirled her skirt spiritedly to the first song.

"She's so little, and she was out there twirling around in her big dress," he said. "She's just adorable."

Attwater also said he was thankful for the free meal and enjoyed the wide array of food set out for event attendees.

"This dessert, tres leche, is very good," Attwater said. "Muy bien!"

Another attendee, Georgia Perez, also commented on the tres leche — a Mexican cake with a whipped cream-based topping — and said it was her favorite food item at the event.

"It has a real cool, custard-like taste," she said. "It's good!"

Attwater said he makes it to almost every culture event that happens in the Union because it is a great way to break up his day and learn something about another culture.

Perez, Union business office employee, also said she is a regular attendee of the Union's culture events, often stopping by the programs during her lunch breaks.

"It's just great to see everybody else's cultures and enjoy the music," she said. "And I just love seeing all the outfits."

However, not everyone who attended the Hispanic Heritage celebration regularly visits the Union's cultural events.

Andrew Brauner, sophomore at Barton County Community College, said he had never attended an international event before. He said the music and dancing caught his attention while he was walking through the Union. Brauner also said he thought the dancers were graceful and entertaining.

Brauner was visiting the campus to see if he would like to transfer to K-State, and he said seeing the cultural event in the Union helped in swaying him toward attending K-State.

"I think opportunities like this will help draw in people like me who are undecided on where they want to go," Brauner said.

Peiwen Wang, member of the Union Program Council, said the event incorporated four organizations — three from K-State and one from the University of Kansas; the KU Peruvian Club participated in the event. The Council tries to bring in outside groups as much as possible, Wang said.

Barnes said the next Uniting People and Cultures event will be from noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Union Courtyard and will feature Saudi Arabian culture.



Left: Daniel Jenmott and Toni Owens select a few items from the food line at the Union Program Council multi-cultural committee's Hispanic Heritage Day. Right: Carolina Vargas performs a traditional dance following in the steps of her mother, Raquel.



ENTERTAINMENT GURU

Tom Green's comedy career transitions from TV shows to Web site



ERIC DAVIS

Q: What can you tell me about Tom Green? Who is he?

A: First of all, Tom Green is awesome. He has been around for about 10 years and has dazzled audiences from the beginning.

After his first show on Canadian TV, Tom's show was bought by MTV. The show did very well, mainly because it was unlike anything else on TV at the time.

It combined guest interviews, hilarious skits and truly off-the-wall comedy. Viewers got a taste of what the rest of the show would include from the start. In the first episode, Tom played "footsie" with his guest, carried around a two-cycle engine while interviewing people in the street and tried to give a bowling trophy lamp back to its owner.

The show continued to give its viewers episode after episode of laughter, including hilarious novelities like "The Bum Bum Song." The song is nonsensical toilet humor, joking about various places Green's rear end finds itself.

Though it was funny, the show was canceled in March 2000. Even so, Green continued to make small appearances on MTV. Green did not disappear and managed to stay in the spotlight by dating actress Drew Barrymore, appearing in the

2000 version of "Charlie's Angels," battling testicular cancer and maintaining a small rap career.

Several urban myths circulated when the show was canceled. Some said Green had gone to a bar mitzvah dressed as Hitler, and others said the cancer he publicly battled had killed him; neither was true.

In 2003, Green was back. His MTV show, "The New Tom Green Show" was more the style of late-night talk programs like "The Late Show" and "The Tonight Show."

The show aired at midnight. Rather than filling the show with sketches and pedestrian interactions, Green was host to guests and relied more on comedic dialogue.

In one memorable episode, Tom invited chainsaw guitar player Jesse James Dupree to play a song with him. Before the interview began, Dupree started a chainsaw and be-

gan cutting Green's desk. When the dust settled, Tom was very upset. He spent the rest of the segment yelling at Dupree.

That show was only on for a few months and lost steam the longer it was on air. Early on, the show was good, but in the later episodes, the guests became more obscure and the show was less funny.

The show was canceled, and Green flew under the radar until he started *TomGreen.com*. The Web site was started during summer 2006 as a talk show from his house. The show has had some memorable guests and received critical acclaim.

We can't be sure when this star will burn out, but as long he keeps me laughing, I will keep watching.

Eric Davis is a fifth-year student in print journalism. Please send comments to edge@pub.ksu.edu.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

LISA MARIE PRESLEY GIVES BIRTH TO TWIN GIRLS

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Lisa Marie Presley is a mom again.

The 40-year-old singer gave birth

Tuesday to twin girls by a Caesarean section, according to a publicist.

The "babies and mom are happy and healthy and resting at home," according to a statement released Saturday.

The publicist, without elaborating, said the births happened on the West Coast. Presley, who is the daughter of Elvis Presley and is married to music producer Michael Lockwood, lives in the Los Angeles area.

One baby weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces, and the other came in at 5 pounds and 2 ounces, according to the publicist.

Lisa Marie Presley has a 19-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son by a previous marriage.

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Presley

NIKKI BLONSKY: AIR-PORT BRAWL LEFT ME 'DESTROYED'

Nikki Blonsky said she lives "every day in pain" since the fight on July 30 involving the family of Bianca Golden,

a former contestant on "America's Next Top Model."

Speaking for the first time about the brawl, the "Hairspray" actress, 19, said she and her father, Carl, are "completely destroyed" by the incident.

"The hardest part for me is to see my parents walk around in severe upset and sadness," she said.

The fight erupted at the Providenciales International Airport, where the Blonsky family was waiting to fly home from a Caribbean vacation in the Turks and Caicos. Blonsky says that the Golden family — including Bianca, her mother, Elaine, and her brother George — grew angry when some passengers were saving seats in the departure area.

Things took a nasty turn, she said, when she asked Bianca not to point her finger in her face.

"And she closed her fist and punched me," Blonsky said.

Golden — whose mother, Elaine, had to be airlifted to a hospital for her injuries — gave a very different account, telling Tyra Banks that Nikki kicked her mother in the groin and that Carl punched her mom in the face.

Nikki, Carl and Bianca all face assault charges related to the fight.

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TRAVIS BARKER WANTS TO THANK FANS FOR SUPPORT

Less than a month after being involved in a plane crash that took the lives of four people and left him badly injured, Travis Barker is thanking everyone who has helped him during this difficult time.

On the drummer's MySpace blog, he wrote, "I want to give my deepest thanks to everyone who has helped deal with the current situation."

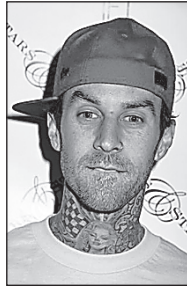
Speaking of his assistant Chris Baker, who was killed in the crash, he said, "Chris was my best friend before anything else, and I can never put into words how much he will be missed."

And of Charles Still, his security guard who also died, he said, "He was an amazing person as well, and I was honored to have him in my life."

The former Blink 182 rocker also gives an update on his condition.

"Like the doctors said from the beginning, it's been a slow recovery process," he wrote. "I am coming up on the seventh of my surgeries Monday. Today I finally was able to move all my fingers on my right hand. Every step seems huge at this point, and I'm doing everything I can possibly do to get back to my kids."

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Barker

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jail the first time, she and her mother were put in a witness protection program in Albuquerque, NM.

Her mother became a single mom trying to find a job and Francine said she began to understand the difficulties so many children with incarcerated parents have to face.

After the arrest of both parents, Francine went to live with her grandparents in Puerto Rico.

To overcome the world of depression and stigma that now dominated her life, Francine threw herself into her school-work. Today, she credits school and her strong commitment to academics as her savior. She said she knew she could rise above

and become what she wanted in life. This is the same empowerment she is now trying to give other children with incarcerated parents.

“I thought about how I used to feel when they were in prison and how the incarceration had changed my life,” Francine said. “I wondered if anybody else had that problem. I went to do some research online and I found there are 2.4 million children [in the US] with incarcerated parents.”

Francine used to be part of this statistic and that was what motivated her to create Yellow Brick Roads.

Yellow Brick Roads, an academic-focused after-school program provides students whose parent(s) are incarcerated with a warm meal, help with homework

and a place to know they are not alone.

Francine’s goal is to establish a chapter in every state.

“They’re the kids of drug dealers and murderers, and [others] don’t have much sympathy for that, and by extension they don’t have much sympathy for their kids,” Francine said.

Dametria Steele helped to organize an event with Beyond the Bars, an organization that partners with Girl Scouts to help the girls while their mothers are in prison.

“It helps to solidify the union between the mother and the daughter because there is a distrust factor there,” Steele said. “And then after the mother comes out . . . we have the mother and the daughter to mentor

and that’s why the Women Mentoring Women program is awesome.”

Danielle Hallgren of Women Mentoring Women (WMW) helped with the fried chicken dinner that took place Monday night and said thank you to the mentors in the program as well as everyone who has helped make a difference to WMW.

“Our mission is to really connect the women with the resources they need,” Hallgren said. “And like the rehabilitation of the women coming back from prison, education is also key and we would love to be a part of that.”

Francine’s story relates to so many of the girls involved in Beyond the Bars.

Francine, now Francine Sin-

clair, lives in Tampa, Fla. with her two children. While her children are still too young to know everything about their grandparents, Francine said she is “living vicariously” through her children as her parents spend more time with them than they spent with her.

Francine is publishing in Nov. about a family of bees titled “Daddy Be Good.” Since “American Gangster”, Francine is telling her story to help the children who are just like she was.

“I had kept it a secret for 30 some odd years, but I decided it could do more good public,” Francine said.

For more information about her organization, Yellow Brick Roads, visit www.yellowbrickroads.org.

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FACULTY PROFILE

Military Affairs director takes on challenges with a smile

By Jenna Scavuzzo
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Deeply enriching his military career and personal life through K-State involvements, Art DeGroat, director of Military Affairs, relentlessly works toward improving the university and community.

The U.S. Army sent DeGroat, K-State alumnus, to Manhattan to serve his military assignment during his 22 years of active service. He said he instantly felt a connection to Manhattan that enhanced his life.

“After a short time here, I felt a deep connection to K-State,” he said. “I immediately knew it was a unique and special place, and I knew I wanted to continue my personal and professional life here. The institutions of the Army and K-State parallel: they are value-based and focused on people. I have a deep love for K-State – I can’t describe it in words.”

DeGroat received his master’s degree in education from K-State after receiving his bachelor’s degree in political science, with a focus on public administration, from Seton Hall University. He is a third-generation Army officer and said he always was interested in the military because he grew up surrounded by it.

DeGroat said he was stationed at Fort Riley when his wife died of cancer. Military officials wanted DeGroat to live in a stable environment, so in 2000, they asked him to lead the K-State Military Science Department.

DeGroat said this was the encouragement he needed, and he started devoting his time to strengthening the connections between the Army and K-State.

“It was a compassionate assignment,” he said. “When I was the head of the Military Science Department, I noticed the

many connections K-State has to the military, and I became dedicated and more involved with what I was doing.

“When President [Jon] Wefald offered me the job, I knew it was an extension of something I was already doing. This helped motivate me to build community and find common bonds between K-State and the military. I get to serve both K-State and the army in this capacity.”

In 2006, DeGroat was appointed the director of Military Affairs. His job description includes supporting military programs, university-level research with the military, community development, advising the ROTC program and attempting to increase military enrollment.

He said he wants to make K-State the military program of choice for Army families, and he is working to make K-State athletics more accessible to the local

military community.

“Anything the university does, I try to connect the Army with it,” he said. “Since I created my position, I was given latitude with my scope of work.”

At K-State, DeGroat is also involved with the All-University campaign, a financial-aid fundraiser, and is on the leadership studies advancement council.

DeGroat is also involved around the Manhattan community. He is a member of 10 military-community organizations and the chapter president of the Army’s professional association; he is also involved with the rotary club.

He said he loves rural life and lives on a farm with horses.

“The most important thing to me is using my life to make other lives better – it’s a service ethic,” he said. “My favorite aspect of my job is the diversity involved with it.

“There are lots of things

I want to get involved in, in both university and military life. My job gives me the ability to bridge the two together. I feel this is my calling, that I’m lucky, and that I’m at the right place at the right time.”

DeGroat said he also thinks Manhattan has been an ideal community in which to raise his two daughters. His oldest daughter, Taylor-Rae, is a sophomore in communication sciences and disorders, and his youngest, Lizzy, is a sophomore at Chapman High School.

“My dad is such an intelligent, fun person,” Taylor-Rae said. “He’s passionate about what he does and he’s a good role model. He’s been in the military his whole life, and he has the values to teach it. We have a very close relationship.”

DeGroat, who describes himself as a driven and loyal person, said his optimistic perspective has been constant through his

toughest challenges.

“I’ve been through war, lost a wife and raised my children on my own,” he said. “Even though I’ve been through some of life’s biggest challenges, my positive attitude and life perspective hasn’t changed.”

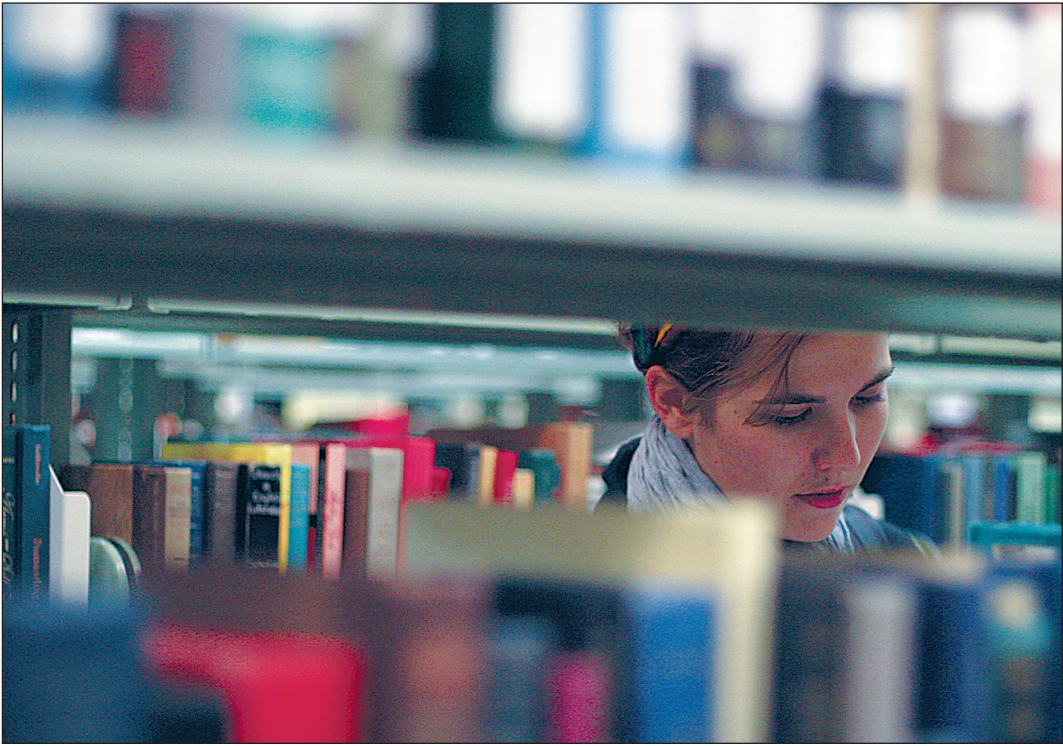
Some of DeGroat’s colleagues said they appreciate his passionate attitude and work ethic, as well as his achievements.

“He’s one out of the handful of individuals in the country who’s had a decorated military experience, been a successful professor of military science and is now an accomplished director of Military Affairs,” said Pat Bosco, vice president of student life.

DeGroat said his plans include continuing to enjoy his career each day.

“I’m really enjoying what I’m doing now,” he said. “I wake up excited each day to come to K-State and work. I’m on more of a journey than a destination.”

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